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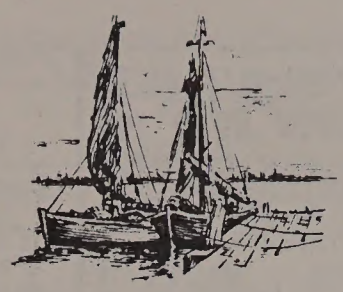

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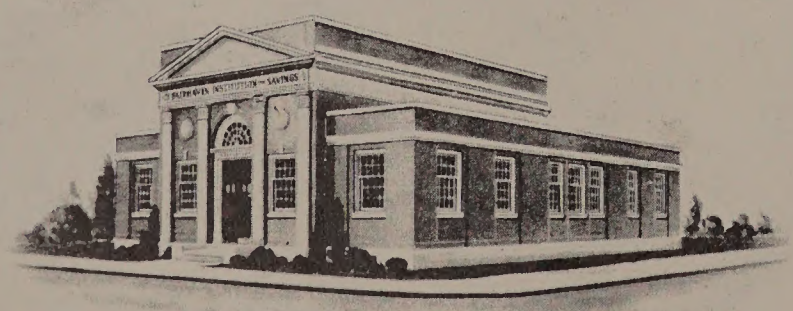
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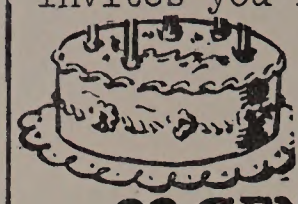
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The July 2nd square dance, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Parent-Teacher's Club, has been canceled due to wharf conditions.

MATTAPOISETT WHARF

Today, there are as many boats in the water, at the wharf, as there ever was and perhaps more. We were happy to see the excellent writeup given Bill Croft in the Sunday Standard Times two weeks ago. Bill, as well as every single one of our friends listed in our paper as badly hurt or wiped out by the storm, has worked through the winter to start again. It took a lot of hard work and courage.

Unfortunately, on the square dance area of the wharf, work has not yet started and the season has. When work does start, the contractor has sixty days to complete repairs. Sixty days is two months. Two months is July and August. On our wharf, we have been privileged to have square dance callers from all over the country. We have heard them say that our square dance area betters, or equals, any dance area in the country. It has taken a period of years to build up our dances to the point where people travel here from 60 miles away for an evening's fun. People come from Fairhaven, New Bedford, Rochester, Middleboro, Marion, Taunton, Wareham and some from as far as Boston. As they come to dance, our town and harbor must have an effect on them because it draws them on other nights. We see people from surrounding towns at the wharf almost every pleasant evening as they drive down to breathe our salt air and

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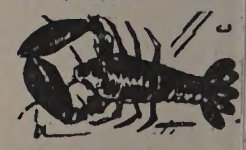
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cool off. We enjoy having them and they patronize our local businesses when they come through. Every organization in the town has benefited from these people as they patronize our dances. If we leave out the financial part entirely, the dances have been invaluable to our own permanent and summer residents, and as young people of all ages dance together, hundreds enjoy the spectacle from the sidelines. It brings life and activity into our town on Saturday night. Such an enterprise is not to be thrown away. We are in danger of losing it all.

This Saturday night one of our neighboring towns will start a series of square dances. We wish them success, BUT we do not wish them to inherit everything that Mattapoisett has built up, just by default. Somewhere along our waterfront street there must be a location which could be used until the wharf is ready. We know that along that street there are people public spirited enough to enjoy paying host to the dances by letting them take place in front of their homes, in view of the water.

In most cases all you have to do is ask, people are pretty obliging. Well, we are asking for the town. Is there a place where square dances can be held? Can we hear from the residents of Water Street? Our friends from other towns will bear with us if we keep this worthwhile activity going until such time as the wharf is ready. Is it an impossibility? We don't think the problem is

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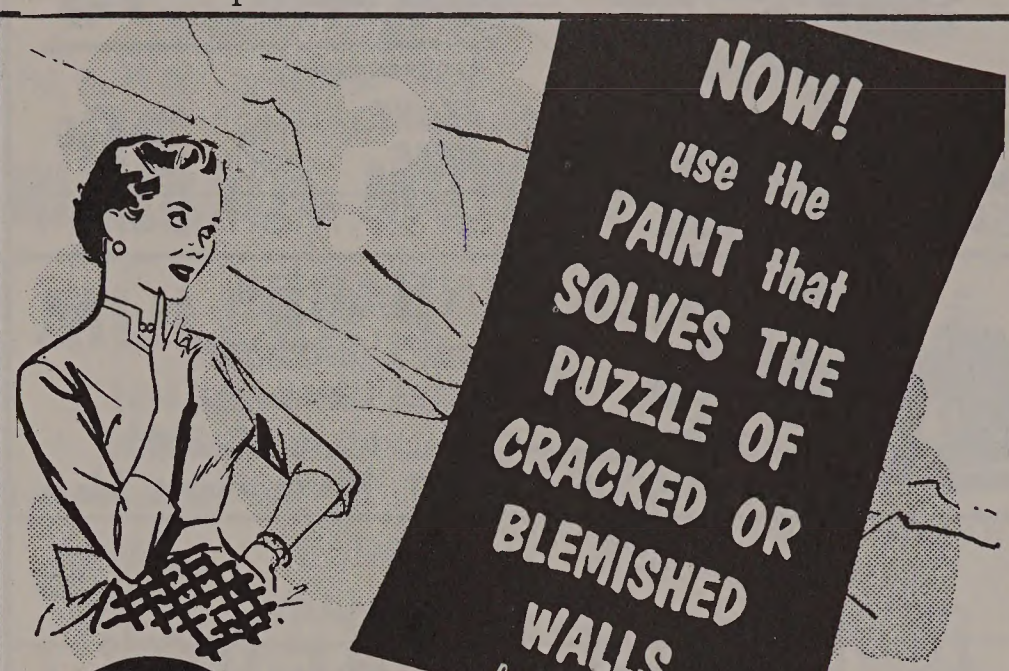

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PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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GRADUATION AT HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation exercises were held at Fairhaven High School Wednesday afternoon when Dr. Martin F. O'Connor, president of the State Teachers College in Framingham, was the guest speaker. Several Mattapoisett students were graduated at this time. Margaret Montgomery gave the valedictory address, entitled "Take One at Graduation".

Receiving awards from Mattapoisett were Arnett M. Jenkins, $300. scholarship from the New Bedford College Club and a $250. State scholarship; Margaret D. Montgomery, $100. scholarship from the Mattapoisett Woman's Club and a $100 scholarship from the Mattapoisett Parent-Teachers Club; Judith A. Taylor, $150 award from the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association and a $100 grant from the Fairhaven and Mattapoisett Teachers Association and Joan W. Ellis, $100 scholarship from the Mattapoisett Woman's Club.

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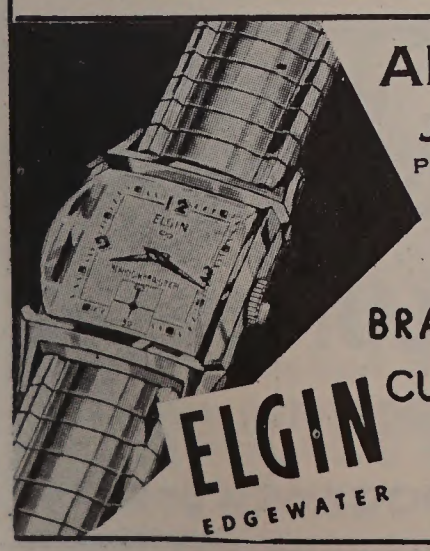
Several units have signified intentions of marching in the parade and others are being contacted in an effort to make a bigger and better parade. Floats will be numerous and will, in all probability, be beautiful affairs, in an effort to walk away with the beautiful trophy.

The committee's working funds have been augmented by donations from the Mattapoisett Parent-Teacher's Club, Mattapoisett Grange, Congregational Church Guild, J. A. Hagen Co., and the Village Drug Store.

The ever willing Ed Valladoa has completed plans for the Little Leaguers to take on their dads in an afternoon game at the Center School grounds. Besides the age and waist-line handicaps, the dads will have to bat left-handed and will have to play the same position as their famous sons. Don't miss watching the little men show up the old men!

At the last meeting, Claude Davis was added



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to the refreshment committee. The Mattapoisett Community Band would have rounded out a safe and sane "Fourth" program with some of their fine music, but due to the fact that a band-stand will not be available by then, this is highly improbable. However, Bob Raphael and his committee are trying to work out something to complete the day's merriment.

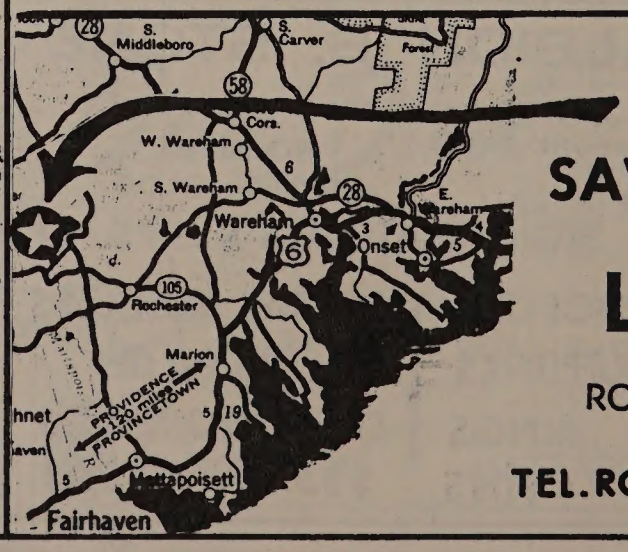
If you wish to participate in any way, and have not been contacted, please do so by writing to the Fourth of July Parade Committee. Let's all cooperate!

The next issue of the Presto will have the complete program for the Fourth of July along with all details. Don't miss It!

TAG SALE

Saturday, July 3rd will be tag day for the Pony and Little Leagues of Mattapoisett under the auspices of the Mattapoisett Businessmen's Association. House calls will be made along with highway sales and boxes will be placed in business establishments in the town.

The following essay, written by Miss Jocelyn Kinney of Mattapoisett, expresses the feeling that we have for our country on Independence Day July 4th and every day. It was so well written that Jocelyn won first prize in Fairhaven High School and took a second place in competition with nine other high schools.



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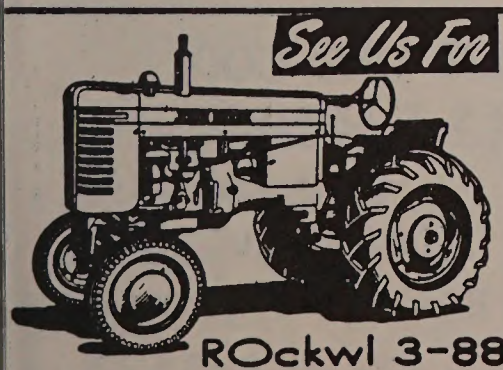

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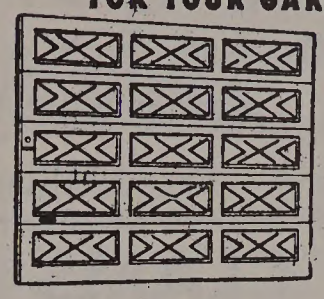

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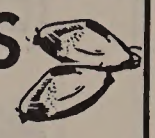

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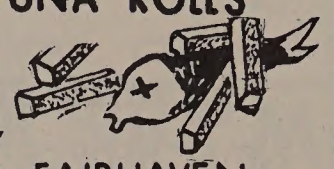

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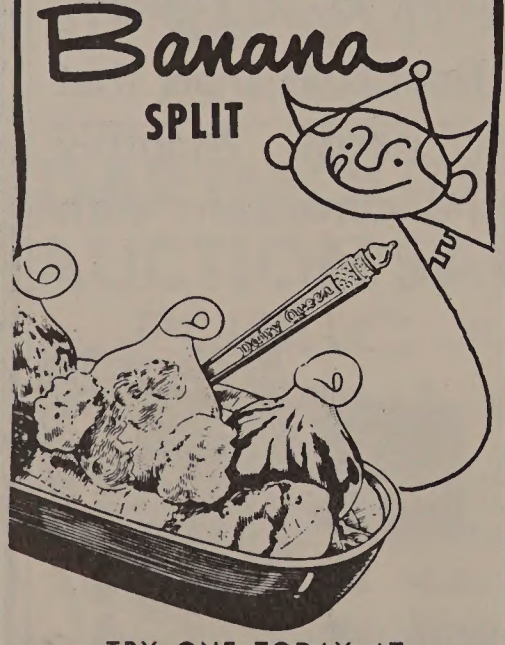

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I see democracy as a dream come true burning in the eyes of each immigrant as he passes our great Statue of Liberty.

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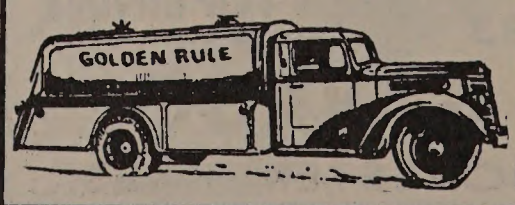

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BAPTIST MISSIONARY HOLD LAST MEETING

The last meeting of the season of the Long Plain Baptist Missionary Society was held at the summer home of the Weigel, Srs. on Snipatuit Road, Rochester. The meeting was preceded by a hot dog and hamburg roast. Entertainment was provided by the Barksdale Sisters, Ruth and Florence, who were accompanied by guitar and ukele. Group singing of Gospel Choruses was enjoyed by all, as was also the game of Bible charades.

The annual strawberry festival of the society will be held Monday, June 20th from 5 to 7 P. M., also at the Weigel cottage, and entertainment.

Newly elected officers of the society that were recently installed in a church ceremony by the pastor, Rev. Stanley Decker, are Bernice Barksdale, president; Gladys Hartley, vice-president and entertainment chairman; Isabelle Calahan, secretary; Arlene Nolan, treasurer; Margaret Cameron, white cross chairman and Clara Weigel, sunshine chairman.

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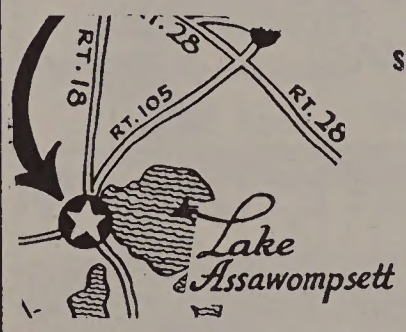

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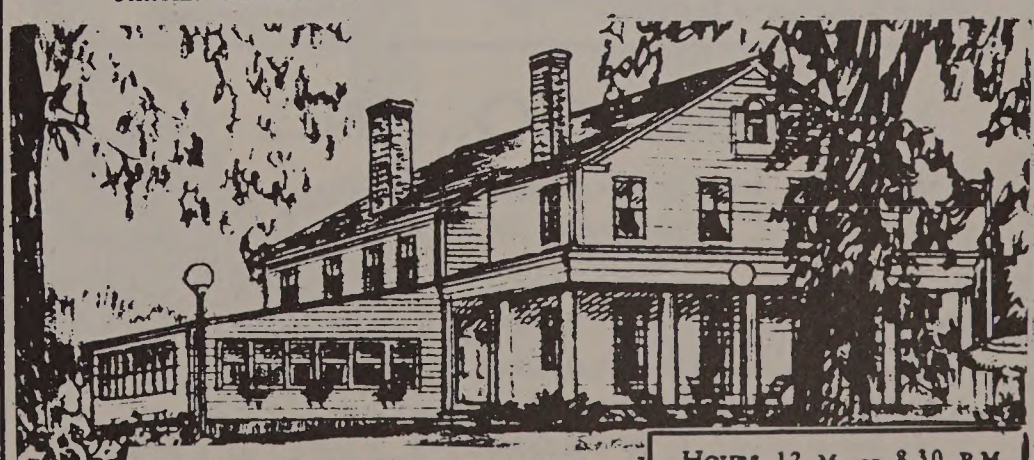

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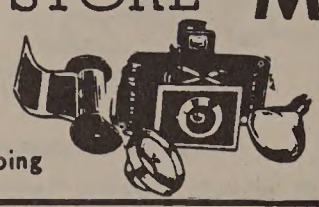

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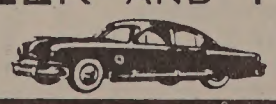

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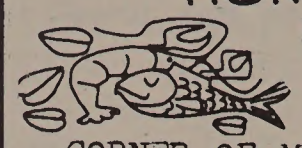

ROAST HELD FOR 4H MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

On Tuesday, June 14th the 4H Town Committee sponsored a hot dog roast for all 4H members and their families in Rochester at the Cape Cod Cranberry Screenhouse at Long Pond. Games were enjoyed and all the children and some parents enjoyed the sliding in boxes down the sand hills. Mrs. Hedges, chairman, extended thanks to all who helped to make the event a success.

CHILDREN'S DAY

No regular Sunday School class was held last Sunday in the First Congregational Church, Rochester last Sunday. The Children's Day program was held at 10:30 in place of the regular church service.

The Youth Fellowship intermediate group met at 6, and the senior group at 7:30 at the parsonage which were the final meetings of this season.

WOMAN'S GUILD MEETS

The Woman's Guild of the First Congregational Church, Rochester met Wednesday, June 15 at the home of Mrs. Charles Dexter. Proceeds of the sale after expenses were voted to the church annual summer sale on July 7th. It was also voted to donate $25. to the Acushnet Methodist Church, who recently had a fire misfortune. A meeting will be held June 28th in the vestry to tie a quilt. It will be an all day meeting and everyone is asked to bring a box lunch.

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RESIDING IN NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson D. Smith and family have moved from the Westgate home on North Street, Mattapoisett to their new home on Tobey Lane, Mattapoisett which they have recently purchased.

Now residing in the Westgate apartment are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rothwell and daughter, Jane, formerly of Fairhaven. Mr. Rothwell is the owner of the Huttleston Electric on Route 6, Fairhaven.

TO BE MARRIED

Miss Gertrude Silveria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Silveria of Hartley Road, Rochester, is to be married to Leo Sylvia of Acushnet on Saturday, June 25th at Sacred Heart Church in Middleboro. Gertrude is a graduate of Vocational High School and Mr. Sylvia, an electrician, was a former student at Vocational High School and was also a member of the United States Army.

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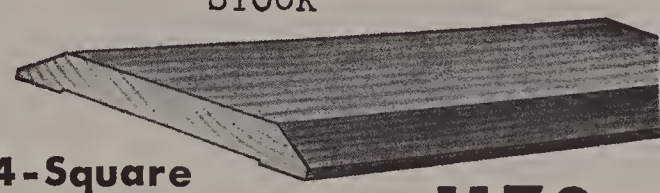

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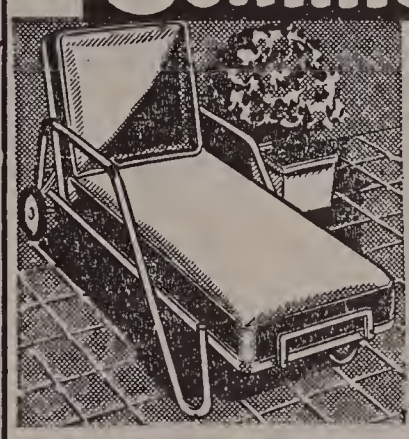

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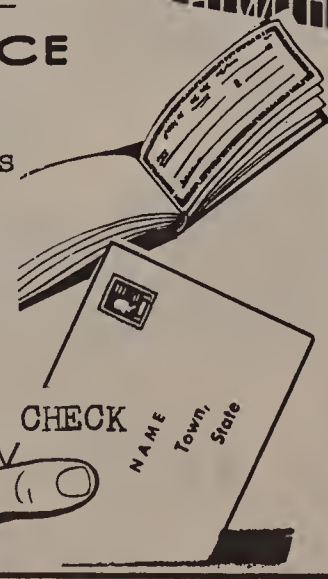

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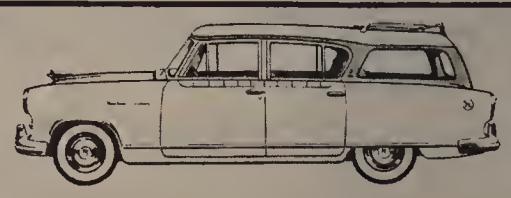

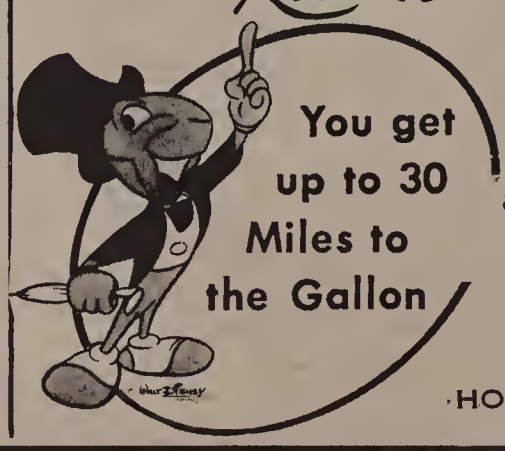

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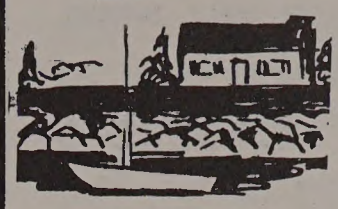

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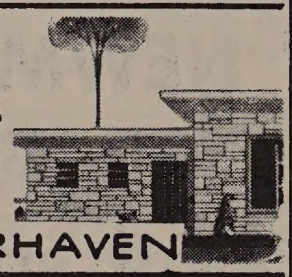

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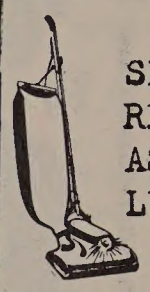
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My regrets kindle when I think how hard he toiled, as day by day he earned his bread with sweating brow and yet how little pity I bestowed. We deemed him independent. Let those who consider a father worth a thought recall his toils and sufferings e'er too late to show their gratitude. My father died when I was absent; since that time I have never yet found a home. No elder brother on whose arm to lean; no relative whose counsel I might take; alone, an isolated being. Such was my state. I felt and still must feel a father's loss, who based the family that formed my home. Could I look upward to another world and have the hope of meeting all in bliss! Could I believe that such my happy portion e'er would be! Cease all regrets! A father's arms again should hold his son! Yes, I shall see that happy period."

Chapter II

If you wish to turn back from your trip to the Cape and come with me to Marion, we will turn north at Hadley's corner and about a quarter of a mile after crossing the railroad track, I will show you on the left hand side of the road the house which my grandfather Cobb built in the year 1800, now occupied by my nephew Fred L. Cobb. There

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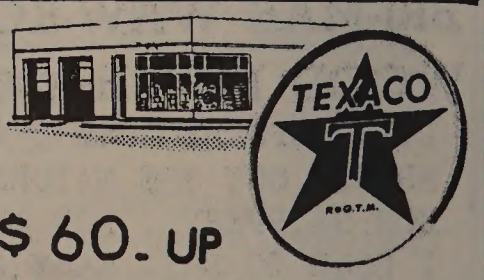

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were living in this house in 1820 an interesting lot of young people, four boys and four girls: Nathaniel, Leander, Sophia, Maria, George, Elizabeth, William and Sarah. My father was a child of the second wife and was not born until 1828.

William was a harness maker and a sailor. I do not know whether he met Nathan on some ship or in the harness shop of Deacon Crocker at Wareham. But I am quite sure that he took this homesick young sailor, who did not drink or swear, home with him and that Nathan Briggs found a welcome in that family and entered into a home life quite to his liking.

There he met my grandfather, Rev. Oliver Cobb, D.D., his four sons, and also Andrew J. Hadley, who married Aunt Sarah, and James Cannon, who married Aunt Elizabeth. They were all total abstainers and believers in God and immortality. My grandfather had maintained the punchbowl, in deference to the custom of the times, for the refreshment of his ministerial and other friends; but about this time he banished the punchbowl from his table and took his stand against the then prevailing custom of paying for service partly in liquor.

In 1824, Nathan Briggs made his first voyage across the ocean, as master of the schooner Betsy and Jane. When he shipped his crew, he wrote into the articles of agreement: "No grog will be allowed on board." Others copied this and in 1840 it became part of the standard form of agreement. Nathan went to Marseilles, France, and on this voyage he wrote into his memorandum, "I have two errands here, to attend to the ship's business and to improve my French."

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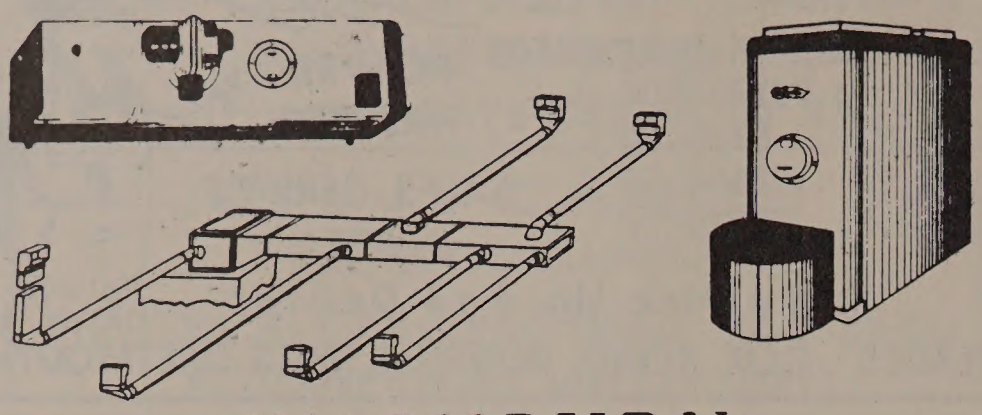

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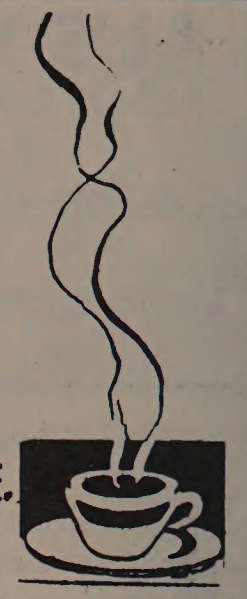

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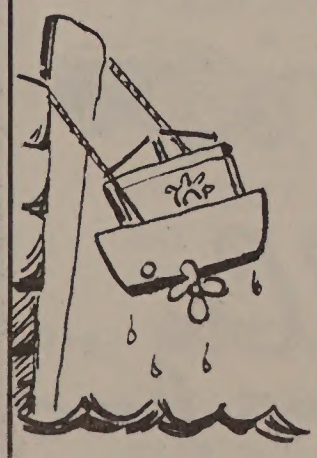
Mr. and Mrs. George G. Knight and son Kevin of Rounseville Road, Rochester spent the holiday weekend in New Hampshire and went on the Mohawk Trail.



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28	3:12	3:48	9:40	11:35
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When our circulation starts to rise, we know our summer residents are back. I heard a remark recently by a lady who had just returned. She said," We just exist in the winter so that we can come back to Mattapoisett and live again. This is our real home". Welcome home all of our summer friends. We hope that you will like our paper and send us news.

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